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The Department of Solid Waste Management

Recyclable Items Include:

- ✓ Magazines and catalogs
- ✓ Newspapers (including all inserts)
- ✓ Junk mail and envelopes
- ✓ Clean paper products—colored and white (such as typing, fax, copy, letterhead, file folders, cardstock, etc.)
- ✓ Shredded paper (gather and place inside a paper bag)
- ✓ Brown paper bags
- ✓ Non-metallic wrapping paper
- ✓ Paperboard boxes (such as cracker and cereal boxes without liners)
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard (boxes do not have to be broken down or bundled)
- ✓ Books (including paperbacks, hardbacks and telephone books)
- ✓ Paper or plastic milk and juice cartons
- ✓ Soy/rice milk cartons and juice boxes (*not* juice pouches)
- ✓ Plastic bags marked with recycling code #2 or #4, such as grocery or dry-cleaning bags (gather and place inside a single bag)
- ✓ Empty plastic containers, including narrow-neck bottles (such as water or soda bottles) and wide-mouth containers such as peanut butter, margarine tubs, yogurt, mayonnaise, prescription bottles, etc. (lids do not need to be removed; containers should be empty.)
- ✓ Glass food and beverage containers such as jars and bottles
- ✓ Tin and steel food and beverage containers, such as pet food and vegetable cans
- ✓ Aluminum food and beverage containers
- ✓ Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- ✓ Empty aerosol cans

Items NOT Accepted for Recycling Include:

- ✗ Bagged recyclables! (Except for shredded paper or recyclable bags, these items only should be collected in a bag)
- ✗ Low-grade paper, such as tissues and napkins/paper towels
- ✗ Soiled paper products (such as used paper plates or greasy pizza boxes)
- ✗ Waxed paper or boxes (run a fingernail across the surface, if wax comes off the package is not recyclable. Glossy packaging is recyclable.)
- ✗ Metallic wrapping paper
- ✗ Potato chip/snack food bags
- ✗ Candy and food wrappers
- ✗ Juice pouches
- ✗ Microwaveable disposable meal trays
- ✗ Thin, brittle plastics like “clamshell” packaging (such as from salad bars) and molded plastic retail packaging
- ✗ Anything made of Styrofoam™
- ✗ Rubber or vinyl products (such as hoses, tires, shower curtains, PVC, etc.)
- ✗ Drinking glasses, ceramic plates
- ✗ Mirrors, window glass
- ✗ Hazardous material containers (such as for pesticides, motor oil or antifreeze)
- ✗ Any container that is not empty!

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Facts About Frederick County's Recycling Program

- The tons of material collected from curbside recycling increased an average of 66% between 2008 and 2009!
- Unlike household trash, your recyclable materials get *sorted*. This is accomplished by both human staff and high-tech machines. But even modern technology has its limitations. **When you place mixed recyclable materials inside of plastic bags these make your items much more likely to be disposed, not recycled. Please don't put your mixed recyclables in plastic bags!**
- If you'd like to see how the sorting process happens, visit our website to view a video of Frederick County's recycling program: www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle
- Did you know that recycling could actually save your business money? Frederick County now has a free guide to waste management for organizations and workplaces, 'Mind Your Business: Guide to Integrated Waste Management for Organizations and Workplaces'. This invaluable handbook includes step-by-step plans for starting, maintaining and expanding business recycling programs. The guidebook can be viewed or printed on our website: www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/businessrecycle
- Did you know that recycling staff are available to provide presentations for your local organization, business, school or club? Call 301-600-2960 or send email to recycle@FrederickCountyMD.gov



Want to Know MORE?!

Sign up online to receive our free e-Newsletter (www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle). It's digitally distributed four times a year and is a great way to keep up with what's new and noteworthy about waste management, recycling, composting and other related issues in Frederick County. Plus, you get a chance to quiz yourself each month with our popular "Spot the Oops!" feature. **Can you spot the curbside "oops" in the photo to the left?**

Answer: The plastic wrap around the cardboard carton and plastic bag covering the newspaper make these items likely to be disposed at the sorting facility.

Curbside Recycling in Frederick County Has Come a Long Way...

Then:

Frederick County implemented a pilot curbside recycling program in June of 1991. **Residents of 4,000 households participated** and received 18 gallon blue recycling bins. Residents were asked to commingle their recyclables for weekly pickup.

Acceptable items included old newspapers, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, clear glass bottles and jars, tin cans and aluminum cans. From June 1991 to June 1992, about 582 tons of recyclables were collected curbside. Participation was estimated at 70%. **The average set out was 24.25 pounds per household per month.**

Now:

Over the past 18 years the acceptable items for recycling grew to include: glass bottles and jars (all colors), aluminum, tin and steel cans, containers and foil, cereal boxes and other paperboard boxes, cardboard, paperback books, plastic bottles, magazines and catalogs, newspaper and mixed paper.

New acceptable items were added to the single-stream program, such as milk cartons, juice boxes, wide-mouth plastic containers and empty aerosol cans.

In 2009, **the number of households participating grew to over 73,000!**



In June, July, August and September of 2009, more than 6,351 tons of recyclables were collected curbside. **The average set out was 40.93 pounds per household per month.**

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